

Town of Dudley

Board of Selectmen
Highway Commissioners
Cemetery Commissioners

**November 19, 2018 @ 6:30pm
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA
Room 321A
Approved 12/3/2018**

Some matters have been taken out of agenda order but were typed up in agenda order for ease of locating information when necessary.

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Steven Sullivan opened the meeting at 6:33pm. In attendance were Jonathan Ruda, John Marsi and Paul Joseph. Also in attendance was Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary. Kerry Cyganiewicz and Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator were absent.

2. Approval of Minutes:

John Marsi motioned to approve the minutes of 11/5/2018 as printed. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

3. Appointments:

- a. Highway Department – Mechanic – **Paul Joseph motioned to appoint Dylan Demers as the Mechanic for the Highway Department effective 12/8/2018. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**
- b. Highway Department – Truck Driver/Laborer – **Paul Joseph motioned to appoint Jesse Russell as a truck driver/laborer for the Highway Department effective November 28, 2019. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

All members conveyed their best wishes to Vinny Grzyb who will be retiring from the Highway Department effective Wednesday, November 21, 2018. Vinny has been with the town for over 28 years.

- c. Personnel Board – Reorganization – Peter Fox, Chairman of the Personnel Board, stated that Jim Dunne, who is a full member, has other obligations and has requested to be the Alternate. Joan Gardecki, who is currently the alternate, has agreed to take his place. After discussion **Paul Joseph motioned to appoint Joan Gardecki as a full member of the Personnel Board to fill in Jim Dunn's term. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0. Paul Joseph motioned to appoint Jim Dunne as the Alternate member of the Personnel Board. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**
- 4. Public Comments/Citizens Comments – Informational:**

John Briare, Chairman of the EDC, came before the Board to inform them he met, along with Don Johnson, Planner, with potential developers for Stevens Mill on Mill Street. The developers are from Georgia and have a long and successful track record developing old mills and keeping the historic flavor of the building. Mr. Briare stated that the EDC and the Planning Board will be working with

them and eventually all Boards and Committees will be included in the process. The Board thanked him and look forward to seeing what will be transpiring in the next few months.

5. **Town Administrator's Report:**
6. **Around the Town – Focusing on Local Businesses:**
7. **Licenses/Permits:**

Eighty-Ates Bar and Grille, Inc. d/b/a Firebrands – Kevin Krommer, owner of Firebrands, along with Laura Gleim, came before the Board. Laura has been tending bar for several years in the area and looks forward to becoming the manager of the restaurant/bar. After discussion, **Jonathan Ruda motioned to approve Laura Gleim as the new manager of Eighty-Ates Bar and Grille, Inc. d/b/a Firebrands Bar and Grill. Paul Joseph seconded. Vote 3-0-1 with Steven Sullivan abstaining.**

8. **Public Hearing:**

Lisa Berg, Principal Assessor – Tax Classification Hearing – The Public Hearing opened at 6:53pm. Lisa Berg stated that historically the Board of Assessors has voted on a single tax rate for the town and this year is no different. Dudley's combined CIP (Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property) is 8.20% of the total taxable value vs residential total taxable value of 91.80%. The maximum shift of 150% would decrease residential \$76.00 per year. The maximum shift of 150% would increase the CIP \$977.00 per year. The estimated tax rate for FY19 is \$13.50/\$1,000. She stated that the majority of businesses in town are small businesses such as restaurants, hair salons and she feels a split tax rate would burden these businesses. There were no comments from residents during the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing closed at 7:07pm. **Paul Joseph motioned to continue with a single tax rate for FY19. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.** The Board signed the Classification Tax Allocation prepared for the Department of Revenue.

9. **Public Business:**

Eagle Scout Project – Derek Lemberger – Derek, along with his sponsor, Ken Butkiewicz and father, Michael, came before the Board. Derek informed all that his project is to build a 10 ft. bridge over the dam on Gore Pond a/k/a Baker Pond. This property is maintained and managed by the Conservation Commission since it is Conservation Restricted Property. Mr. Butkiewicz stated that this bridge will allow people to use the land for passive recreation such as fishing and hiking with potential fishing platforms being built in the future. An area off of Baker Pond Rd. could be used for parking. A boardwalk was in the initial proposal but the funds were not available. After discussion **John Marsi motioned to allow Derek Lemberger to build a bridge in the Baker Pond area and salute Derek for the project. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

H.A.N.D.S (Helping Address the Needs of Seniors in Dudley). – Sarah White – Ms. White stated that it is the 10th anniversary of H.A.N.D.S with a total of 140 awards to seniors for fuel assistance totaling \$60,115.00. They are accepting applications at this time and look forward to donations. She would also like to set up a table at the tree lighting. After discussion **John Marsi motioned to permit H.A.N.D.S. to set up a table at the tree lighting ceremony. Jonathan Ruda seconded. Unanimous 4-0.**

Paula Lane/Circle Drive – Annual Appeal to snowplow and sand – Kristan Mallet of 5 Circle Drive came before the Board along with Vinny Polletta, Highway Superintendent. Mr. Polletta stated that he plowed last Friday the roads and broke the new plow on the new truck due to the condition of the roadway. Paul Joseph stated that the Board has an obligation for the Highway, Town Administrator and Town Counsel to solve this particular problem sooner but not later. Jonathan Ruda stated that breaking town equipment is a whole new shooting match and would like to send a letter to every resident on the two streets urging them to take advantage of the betterment program/bylaw. Ms. Mallet stated that the majority of the residents are interested in doing the betterment. **Paul Joseph motioned to continue the same service of plowing and sanding Paula Lane and Circle Drive for the winter of 2018-2019. Jonathan Ruda seconded for discussion, he stated that there are many private roads that need to be**

included in the betterment bylaw. After discussion the amended motion to add that the policy is for an additional 21 days and to be revisiting at the next meeting. Unanimous 4-0. Jonathan Ruda motioned to recommend the Town Administrator, on behalf of the Board, send letter to Paula Lane and Circle Drive property owners stating the urgency to accept betterment per bylaw. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Underground Electrical Easement for National Grid – Fire Station Project – After discussion Paul Joseph motioned that the Board of Selectmen sign grant the Easement to National Grid for underground system as it relates to the Fire Station Project. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Town Hall Closure – John Marsi motioned to close the town hall on Thursday, November 29, 2018 @ 4:00pm for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

First Congregational Church - Parking Waiver – John Marsi motioned to approve the request from the First Congregational Church to park on both sides of Center Road on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:00am to 4:00pm for the Annual Christmas Fair. Paul Joseph seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Tentative Board of Selectmen meeting dates – Paul Joseph motioned to approve the below dates for Board of Selectmen meetings for the first part of 2019. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

January 7, 2019	March 25, 2019
January 14, 2019	April 8, 2019
January 28, 2019	April 22, 2019
February 11, 2019	May 6, 2019
February 25, 2019	May 20, 2019 prior to Town Meeting
March 11, 2019	June 3, 2019
	June 17, 2019

10. Board Member Comments:

Paul Joseph stated that he has 4 of the 5 positions for the Agricultural Commission. Jonathan Ruda mentioned that the Board should approve the Economic Development Plan pertaining to the Agricultural Commission and to review that portion at the next meeting.

Vinny Polletta stated that last week we had 8" of snow and he would like to have the Board review the Snow Emergency bylaw which is not specific. All agreed he should meet with the Town Administrator and place it on the agenda for next meeting.

11. Departmental Communication:

12. Adjournment:

Paul Joseph motioned to adjourn at 8:00pm. John Marsi seconded. Unanimous 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Jervis, Administrative Secretary